GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4917
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2001
CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY USA FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT
JASWANT SINGH YADAV;SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `US Resolve Enron row to attract fresh FDI flows` appearing the `Hindustan Times` dated June 22, 2001;

(b) if so, whether USA has asked the Indian Government to resolve the Enron row to attract fresh foreign direct investment;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of other suggestions / conditions made by the USA in this directions; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Indian Government to resolve the Enron row so that FDI inflows into the country does not get affected?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir;

(b) No such communication has been received from the US Government.

(c) & (d) Do not arise.

(e) The Government of Maharashtra have set up a Negotiating Committee to carry out discussions with promoters of the Dabhol power project and other concerned parties regarding reduction of the tariff and sale of power generated by the project. The Central Government is committed to facilitating an early solution to the issues concerned and has appointed its nominee on the said Negotiating Committee.